

How do you graduate from the FSS Program?

To graduate from the program, you must fulfill the following criteria:

1. Complete all agreed-upon goals on the Contract of Participation within five (5) years.
2. Head of household be employed full-time or have suitable employment.
3. All family members will need to be free of cash welfare/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) for at least twelve (12) consecutive months prior to completion of the FSS Program.
4. Families must be in good standing with the Kaua'i County Housing Agency.



The FSS Program is a participant-driven program. Your success is determined in very large part on your commitment and efforts to becoming self-sufficient. The possibilities are nearly endless.

Take charge of your financial independence and strive for success as a participant of the Kaua'i County Housing Agency's Family Self-Sufficiency Program.

Contact information:

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Family Self-Sufficiency Program
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Līhu'e, HI 96766

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Or

Complete below and return to Kaua'i County Housing Agency, Section 8 Program

Yes, I am a Section 8 tenant and the Head of Household. I am interested in the FSS Program!

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Yes, I am a Section 8 tenant, but I am not the Head of Household. I am interested in the FSS Program!

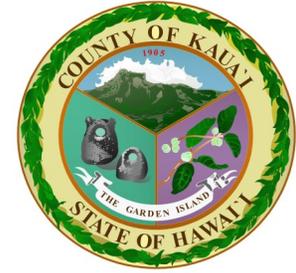
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County of Kaua'i

FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM (FSS)

Section 8 Rental Assistance Division

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Take Charge of Your Financial Independence!

Do you want to...

- Increase your education?
- Find a better job?
- Get job training?
- Save for the future?
- Purchase a house?
- Manage your money better?

If you answered **YES**, then the Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS) is for you!

What is the FSS Program?

- The FSS Program is a voluntary program available to Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher participants designed to assist residents who are committed to achieving economic self-sufficiency.
- The FSS Program is self-paced. You as the participant determine your goals and we help you find the resources needed to achieve those goals.
- The FSS Program can link you up to resources and tools that can lead to better employment, college education and job skills training and improved money management.

Who can participate?

- To participate, a family or individual must be a participant of the Kaua'i County Housing Agency's Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.
- Participation is voluntary, but participants should have the desire to become self-sufficient and willing to take the steps to do so.

How does the FSS Program work?

- Complete an FSS application. You may be placed on a waitlist depending on availability of slots.
- Meet with an FSS Coordinator to develop your short and long-term goals and sign an FSS Contract of Participation.
- Attend workshops and receive referral services needed.
- Periodically meet with your FSS Coordinator to review and discuss progress, goals and additional services needed.
- Apply for graduation after completing goals and fulfilling your Contract of Participation.

Financial incentive

- An escrow savings account is established for FSS participants, which is created when your rent increases due to an increase in **earned income** (wages from employment).
- As your rent increases, a portion of the increase is matched and deposited into the escrow account each month.
- Thus, as your income increases, so does your savings or escrow!
- This unique savings opportunity is **only** offered to FSS participants.
- At the end of the program, FSS graduates are paid whatever money is in the account to do with as they wish.
- The money graduates receive is TAX FREE!

